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LEGISLATOR MCCAFFREY JOINS DEPUTY SHERIFFS AND PROBATION OFFICERS TO CALL FOR NEW CONTRACT WITH SUFFOLK COUNTY



Legislator Kevin McCaffrey, Legislator Kate Browning, Legislator Leslie Kennedy, John Becker from the Deputy Sheriff's PBA, Matt Porter from the Probation Officer's PBA and Sheriff Vincent DeMarco

Riverhead, NY: On Tuesday, June 21, Legislator Kevin McCaffrey joined fellow Legislators Kate Browning and Leslie Kennedy along with members of the Deputy Sheriff's PBA and the Probation Officer's PBA, including John Becker, Matt Porter and Sheriff Vincent DeMarco, at a press conference to urge County Executive Steve Bellone to help facilitate a new contract for the unions.

Both the Deputy Sheriffs and the Probation Officers have been working without a contract for more than five years. These members of law enforcement have and continue to take on risk and sacrifice to keep Suffolk County communities safe. Those gathered at the press conference believe they should have a contract with the County to compensate them for their hard work.

"I was proud to stand with the Suffolk County Probation Officers and Deputy Sheriffs as they fight for a long-overdue contract," said Legislator Kevin J. McCaffrey, who is also the minority

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leader of the Suffolk County Legislature. "It is time to come to an agreement and give these Probation Officers and Deputy Sheriffs the contract they deserve."

The press conference took place in the Riverhead Legislative Auditorium in the afternoon before a general meeting to ensure maximum attention was brought to the issue. According to Newsday, approximately 70 members from both unions were present.

"If County Executive Bellone is willing to stand up for private sector unions, then he should also be ready to do the same for his own workers, particularly those who work every day to keep our communities safe," said McCaffrey. "County Executive Bellone should do everything in his power to get a contract signed."

The Suffolk County Deputy Sheriffs work cooperatively with law enforcement and community groups in Suffolk County to keep jails and communities safe. The Deputy Sheriffs also work to keep roadways safe and have strong programs to apprehend and deter people who drive under the influence. In 2012, the Suffolk County Sheriff's Office won a first place award in the National Law Enforcement Challenge's traffic safety program.

According to their website, the Suffolk County Probation Officers receive specialized training in all areas of law enforcement, supervise approximately 14,000 individuals in the community and conduct approximately 8,000 investigations annually to assist the courts in determining sentences. Additionally, Suffolk County Probation Officers monitor 400 registered sex offenders and support anti-gang activities.

Legislator McCaffrey represents Suffolk County's 14th Legislative District which encompasses the Village of Lindenhurst, Babylon Village, the hamlets of West Babylon and North Lindenhurst, portions of Copiague, North Babylon and Babylon's barrier beach communities.

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